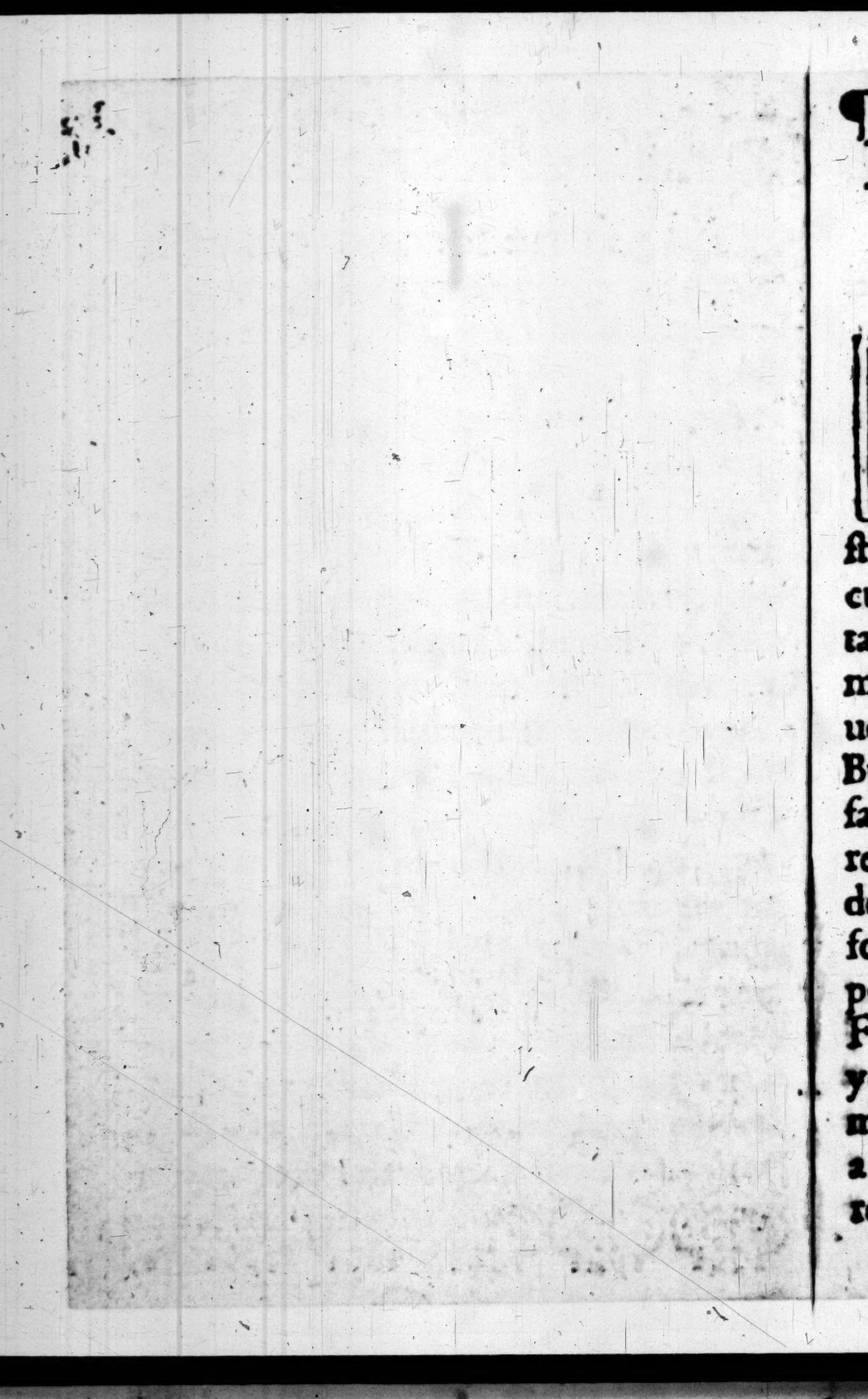


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The second part of  
the painefull Iorney of the  
poore Pylgrime into Asia, and  
the straynge woonders  
that he sawe:

Both delectable and pro-  
fyttable, in sequell of the lytle Dia-  
logue, betwene the Lady  
Lystra, and the same  
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To the right Worshipfull  
Master Edward Dyer. &c.

The poore Pylgrime wisheth  
Slycittie.

A T my returne out  
of Asia vnto Corinrh, right  
Worshipful Syr: I was har-  
bored at my good Lady Li-  
stra, her house: who according to her ac-  
customed clemencie, dyd friendly enter-  
tayne mee. Yea, if I should here resyte the  
manifolde gentlenesse; at her hands recey-  
ued, some would iudge mee for a flatterer.  
But let euerie one iudge according to his  
fantasie, I wyll not let as long as lyfe endu-  
reth, but highlie commende her vertuous  
deedes and lyuing . After that I had en-  
formed this good Lady , of the principall  
poynts of my iorney : she saide vnto mee,  
Father, your last communication , before  
your going into Asia : I sent vnto a Gentle-  
man in Englande, by a certaine Marchant  
a friend of mine, the which I hope he hath  
receaued : And considering that I am a

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*The Epistle Dedicatory.*

poore Gentlewoman, and not knownen in those partes : I pray you write, and sende vnto him the briefe discourse of your late voyage into Asia. I knowe that his gentle nature will thankfully accept it , and you shal also therin do me pleasure. Alas good Madame, quoth I, I can neither write, nor yet speake the Englishe tongue . Why quoth she, that is not material . But I pray you wryte in the Arabia tongue , for here are in this Cittie many Marchauntes, my friends, that can translate the same. And in accomplishment of my good Ladies wyl, I haue so done . But truly, I knowe not whether the translation doth agree with the originall: wherefore I remyt the same to your Worshippes learned iudgement. Yea, and if I may know that these my trauelles be taken in good part, I will hereafter wryte to your VVorshippe of greater matters . Humbly crauing that you wyll impute my boldnes , to my Ladies commaundement . And the almighty be alwayes your defendor.

*Your VVorshippes most humble,*

## *The Booke.*

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Alas, who would a Pylgrime be,  
such toyle, and moyle to see:  
And might at home, in pleasaunt lyfe,  
haue worldly iolitic?

And now some men, do call thee Roge,  
and Vacabond also:  
And captaine of inuencions,  
with many mischifes mo.

## *The Pylgrime.*

Good gentle Booke, hold thou thy peace  
and let mee beare the blame:  
My armour is of trusty steele,  
and Troth shall say the same.

And thinke you, that I dare compare,  
my labour and my paine:  
To glottony, or ydle lyfe,  
or looke for such a gaine?

No, no my Booke: To God I geue  
the honour and the prayse:  
In calling on his holie name,  
I hope to spende my dayes.

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# The returne of the poore Pylgrime out of Asia, vnto Corieth.



Fter ffeue yeeres were fully ex-  
pyred, the poore Pylgrime  
returned backe againe out of  
Asia into Corinth : his gar-  
menses toerne in peeces, his  
face leane, withred, and patched with the  
Sunne, his feete blystered, and his body  
weake and faint, so that with much paine  
entring into the Cittie: he came at length  
to his good friende, the Lady Listra, her  
doore, and there late him downe vpon a  
bench of stone: he had not sittē long there  
when a mayde of the house came forth, &  
espyed him, who with soden ioye, ran vnto  
her Lady, saying: O Madame, olde fa-  
ther Pylgrim is returned out of Asia, and  
sitteth now at your gate. The good La-  
dy had no sooner heard her maidens tale,  
when she came forth: and when she had  
beholden him a whyle, by the furniture of  
his body, she scarcely knew him. But yet

She sayde: alas deere father, how are you  
chaunged? your countenance doth shew of  
many a weary step that you haue made,  
in your so long a iorney. The teares I say  
trickled downe the poore Pylgryme's face  
with vety ioy of hart. The good Lady  
ooke him by the hande, and brought him  
into a faire Parlor, she caused her may-  
dens to prouide sweet and warme water  
for his feete: and then she commaunded all  
his rags to be taken from him, and cau-  
sed to laye him downe in a ritche and soft  
bedde, she also prouided dainty meates to  
comfort him withall. That night, shee  
would not trouble him with any kinde of  
talke. But in the morning when she had  
vnderstoode howe he was awake from  
Sleepe, and had taken wel his rest ynglyght,  
she came to him, and asked how he fared.  
P. Madam, quoth he, ynglyght of God be  
alwayes with you, for I feele my self now  
reuiued euuen from death to lyfe. L. Well,  
the father, geue God the praise, & whylest  
your dynner is a dressing, I wyll syt and  
keepe you company, for it wyl not be long  
vntill the Taylors come to make you new  
apparell.

apparell. P. O good Madam, God al-  
waies reward you: for truly I am bold  
to say. That if I had not commen this  
last night vnto your house, I had surely  
dyed in the streete : my body was so  
weake, my feete so sore: yea, & my hatt  
sore pinched . And therfore whyle lyfe  
lasteth, I will not be forgetfull of your  
charitable actes. L. Why father? I do  
but my dutty : for Gods lawes doth  
teach vs, by his workes of mercie, and  
by his holy worde, that we are bounde  
to comfort the afflicted and harbories,  
because it is a worke that is done to  
God himselfe: yea, in the olde Testament  
doth appear, howr Angels haue com-  
men in shape of poore pylgrymes, to  
the holy Patriarkes doore . But now  
if it please you, we will talke a whyle of  
your long and weary tormey. P. Ma-  
dame, I am now ready to enfor me you  
therof, with all my hatt.

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The begynning of the Pylgrimes  
iorney into Asia.

**A**T my departure from Corynthe,  
I tooke my waye alwayes East-  
warde , and God hee knoweth  
through many a wylde and Deserte  
place I passed : and after many perilles,  
harder lodginge , and worse fate : I  
came to the foote of the hyghe Moun-  
taine in Armenia, where Noe his Arke  
syrst touched , after the destruction of  
the worlde by water . And from  
thence I trauelled to a fayre and great  
Cittie, of Mahomettes, called Zanzibar,  
whitch standeth within the Empyre of  
the great Zophy.

The scituatiōn of this Cittie pleased  
me well , for the walles and buylding  
were bewitfull to beholde : And  
by the waye as I caine , had notyce  
howe certayne Christyans dwelled  
within

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Within this Cittie , toyntlie by them  
selues , euен as the Iewes which dwel·  
in Rome , and other Citties . Nowe  
I hauing some vnderstanding in the  
Arabia tongue , presumed to approche  
neere the Gates : the Porters percey·  
uting howe I was a Christian , per·  
mitted me to come in . But when I  
was entred , the Mahomettes , which  
neuer had seene any Christian of my  
cloathing or habite : some of them I  
say , knocked at me : some mowd lyke  
an Ape : other soone hemmed , & coughed  
at me : other some called me Dogge ,  
Roge , and Vacabonde : others sayde ,  
howe I was a notorious spye . And  
being in this perplexion , I spake not  
one worde , but rather looked downe·  
wardes : saying to my selfe , God suffe·  
red for me many opprobrious wordes ,  
among the cruell Iewes . And then it  
pleased God , that I mette by chaunce  
with one Mighell a Christian , and he  
seeing me a straynger , and a man of

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his Religion, full gently brought mee  
home to his house, where his wife and  
chyldyn did louingly enterteyn me,  
so that all that day, I abode with him.  
And the next day I was feasted among  
the Congregation , who demaunded  
many thinges of mee , concerning the  
estate of our Religion, and when I had  
satisfid them in euery point: I reheat-  
sed vnto them the blessed state of the  
common weale of Crangalor, wherof  
they receaued great pleasure.

These good men kept me with them  
whole weeke: and than seeing my de-  
termination, was to trauell Eastwards:  
they gaue me instructions for my way,  
and afterwarde brought mee to the  
Townes ende , and prayed vnto God  
for mee. L. Then you learned not  
much touching their common wealth.  
P. Truely Madame, there was not  
much to leatne , for they were not a-  
bove one thousande persons : I meane  
Christians, who lyued in great confo-  
mitie and brotherlie loue , but yet in  
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Subsection, and tributaries to the Zo-  
phy . The most or greatest number  
of these Christians , were Artifciers  
which wrought in Sylke Tapestry.

L. Then I pray you proceede. P. from  
Zanzibar , I tooke the waye towardes  
the Cittie of Peimay , which standeth  
distant fiftene dayes iorney . This  
Cittie is scituated neere a pleasant Ri-  
uer, and exceeding well walled . It is  
also a place of great trade of Mar-  
chaunes of diuers Nations . There  
are many sectes of Religion, as Maho-  
mettes , Epicures , Nestorians, and many  
good Christians, which haue the grea-  
test part of the Cittie to inhabite in. It  
was my chaunce to happen into the  
house of one Raphaell , who kept an  
Inne, and was a man of good and god-  
lie conuersation : He I saye, knowing  
mee to be a Pylgrime , and lately com-  
men out of Europe , was exceeding  
glad of my company , so that after a  
whyle that I had abode with him: He  
shewed unto me many things touching

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theyz gouernment and coniunctō weale:  
He also vpon a Sundaye , at after  
dynner , tooke nise with him , and  
brought mee to Iesus Colledge : for  
quoth he , we haue among these Stu-  
dents euery Sabbath daye, some ver-  
tuous Comedy represented.

But when I came among the Stu-  
dentes , they friendlie enterteyned  
mee , and scorthwith they brought  
vs to a sumptuous Hall , where the  
Comedy shoulde be shewed , and  
placed my Hoste Raphaell with mee,  
where wee might beholde at wyll.  
Nowe when all the Magistrates , and  
maisters of the house were placed , ac-  
cording to their dignities and estate .

There came out in good order, so were  
and twentie Chyldren , gallantlie dis-  
guised , and eache of them , for the most  
parte , brought a certayn kinde of In-  
strument of Musick , playing and syn-  
ging , which mee thought was a cele-  
stiall noyse . This done , they began  
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all to daunce a rounde, by the sound of  
their Instruments.

But when they were in the myddest  
of their ioye and pleasure : Cam  
lurking Death , with his sharpe ar-  
towe , and stake one of them : who  
incontinent, fell downe dead . Then  
all the rest begaune to leaue off from  
their Musicke , and to looke vpon each  
other , wondering at the soden happe,  
as men amazed . But within a lytle  
space , they returned to their Musicke  
againe : Neuerthelesse , in conclusion,  
Death carryed them all away , by one,  
and one , in order aforesayd .

This Tragical shew was no sooner  
at an ende . When a proper young man,  
cloathed in blacke , entred into the  
place : saying , as followeth . Ye ho-  
nourable and magnificall beholders :  
Fyrst , ye haue here seene but a dumbe  
Shewe , with some pleasure of voyce,  
and Instrument . But my comming  
is to make playne the meaning ther-  
of .

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Ye see and maye consider howe we  
carke's worldinges , in the myddest of  
all our haine delightes , howe sodenlie  
the officer Death commeth for vs: yea,  
and when we see one of our neyghbor's  
dead , howe for a whyle we woondre  
and are amased , saying : this man was  
well and in good health yesterdye .  
But after a fewe dayes we forger his  
sodden death , and turne to our pastime  
and pleasures againe . Alas , howe  
blinde are we , that wyll not see , and  
consider , howe iudgement is alreadie  
geuen , that all creatures must leaue  
this transitorie and mortall lyfe : yea,  
we tarrie but for the Sherife Death  
to come for vs to execucion . For note  
ye , that when two offendours are con-  
demned to dye : the one to be executed  
in one place , and the other in another .  
And when the Officers fetcheth away  
the one this daye , his fellowe maye  
well knowe that hee shall goe to mor-  
rowe , because theyr offence was all  
one . Even so , let vs consider , that

wheren wee see our Brother deade to  
daye , let vs looke for the Officer to  
morrowe , and so doing we shall lyue  
in the feare of God , and be happy.  
For assuredlie, there are seuen dishes  
layde before vs , of the which of force  
we must taste . That is to saye, that  
if the Stherife Death , come not for  
vs the Sundaye , than looke for him  
the Mundaye : if not then, his com-  
ming shall be some other daye of the  
seuen.

And therefore for Christes sake,  
haue ye the same in memorie . And  
then shall ye not taste of everlasting  
Death . And so Madame , the god-  
lie Tragedy was ended for that day .  
L. O blessed exercise : Truelie fa-  
ther Pylgrime , God hath endued  
this people with the lyght of his ho-  
lie spirite . P. Yea Madame , you  
woulde say so if you knew all . For  
you shall understande , that adulterie  
is there punished with bodily death .  
And for blasphemie against the holie  
name

name of Jesus, their tongues are cut  
out of their heads.

And he that bringeth into that Cittie,  
any newe deuised garment , is  
whyppe for his labour , about the  
Cittie , and afterward banished for  
ever . But I am sure that my ga-  
ments were so bare, that no proude  
man would couet the same.

Lyke wise Madam, they abhorre  
great and sumptuous feastes , and  
Bancquettes : for they holde opinion  
howe, that at euery great Bancquet,  
the Diuell himself is a present guest.  
for, saye they , that wicked spyrie  
presumed to come incorporate in the  
body of his friende Iudas , to the ce-  
lestiall Bancquet of our Sauiour Je-  
sus Christe : Yea , he was at Herodes  
feast, when the holy Prophet  
Saint John Baptiste , had his heade  
broken of : Hee was also at King  
Bathazar his feast , when he was  
setured in the vessels of the Temples:

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yea, say they, some synneth so in glut-  
tomy , that when hee commeth  
from the feast, he casteth his gorge:  
I wrygts Madam, many Authors, they  
rehearsed vnto mee , but my weake  
memorize coulde not beare them a-  
way . Yet notwithstanding , they  
doo alow of godly meeting, and mo-  
derate cheere. L. O blessed people.  
But tell me ffahter , how long abode  
you there? P. forsooth, I was by  
those good men detayned , the space  
of fifteene dayes . And than the Go-  
uernours of the Congregation gaue  
me spending money , and brought  
me more then one myle on my way.  
Yea, and by my troth Madame , my  
good Host Raphaell woulde not take  
one penny for my charges. L. The  
more he was to be commended: But  
from thence , whether went you?  
P. Matry Madame , I than tooke  
the waye to Cananor , which stan-  
deth from thence , twentyc dayes  
journey.

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This Cittie is also a beutifull thing,  
and lyeth situated in the borders of  
the Empyre of the great Chan of Ca-  
chay . And by meanes of Letters of  
commendations : I was there lo-  
uinglie receyued , and lodged in the  
house of one maister Peter. Who was  
an excellent learned Phisition, hee I  
say, instructed me of all the orders of  
that Cittie, for they are most Christi-  
ans: except a few Iewes, which haue  
thei Synagogue and dwelling by  
them selues.

It happened, whylest I was there  
on a Saterdaye , wanding vp and  
downe the Towne with my Host, at  
one of the clocke at after noone. The  
Lords chiese Judges , were going to  
visit the common prison . Lo, quoth  
maister Peter , where my Lordes the  
Judges goeth to visit þ Jayle, which  
custome they obserue euerie Sater-  
day at this hower . I praye you go  
with me, and you shall see their order  
of Justice : many good my Hoste, I  
thankē

thanke you, quodh J. And so we followed  
the Judges when they were en-  
tered. They went personally to euery  
little dungeon, saying to the prisoners,  
what want ye? do the Notaries, or  
Secretaries, Aduocates, and Attor-  
neys do their duty? if not, tell vs, and  
your justice shall not be delayed? Af-  
ter this generall visitation: they go  
vnto a Hall of Justice, which is with-  
in the prison. And being sate downe  
in þ Judiciall place, the Tayler is cal-  
led for: who forthwith is commaun-  
ded to bring all þ prisoners that hath  
bene brought in that weeke, one by  
one. Then sayth the Judge to the  
first, syra, why are you here detey-  
ned? forsooth my Lords, sayth he, I  
was committed hyther, vpon the com-  
maundement of our Aloerman. But  
say they, haue you committed any of-  
fence? No my Lords, sayth he. Then  
the Notarie of the warde is sent for,  
of whom the Judges demaund what  
is layde against that man: forsooth

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my Lordes, sayth the Notarie, who  
is bounde to keepe the Recordes of  
the Warde . Nothing I finde , but  
a commaundement from our Alder-  
man . Well, then sayth the Judges,  
set the prisoner at lybertie , and geue  
him a precept against the Alderman,  
for his dammage and charges, which  
forthwith is taced.

And in this order a number are  
delyuered every Saterday : yea, and  
if there be any offendendorz , in any  
criminally causes , Justice is executed  
with al diligence, and the truthe thos-  
rowly sought out.

After this , I sawe a poore leane  
man brought before the Judges, who  
sayde vnto him , syra, wherfore art  
you prisoner ? Forsooth my Lordes,  
quoch he for debt . Whyn then sayde  
they, how chaunce you pay not your  
debt. Alas my good Lordes, aunswere-  
red he , I haue nothing wherwithall  
to satisfie the same, but only my poore  
carkase whiche perisheth with  
hunger

hunger and nakednes. Is that true? sayde they: then they commaunded an Officer to call the Creditor, who came soozthwith . Then sayde the Judges vnto him, why doo you suffer this man to perishe heere ? My Lordes, sayde he , he is my debtor. Yea, quoth the Judges, but it is proued that he hath not wherewithall to paye, but onely his body: therfore what say you, will you haue Justice? Yea itulie my Lordes.

Then the Judges commaunded the sayd Creditor, to take his debtor home with him , and there to geue him meate , drinke , and cloath , and also to allowe him for his seruice , a certaine peyrelie wages , the which was to he discounted out of his former debt , and so to serue vntyll the debt were fully payd.

And then if there be any seconde Creditor, the sayde debtor shall be set ouer vnto him in lyke ordet , with great charge to entreate him lyke a good

good maister. ¶ otherwise the Justice wyl remeedy his wrong, so that none perisheth in prison: for debt is not, saye they, to bee punished with death in prison, except it be determinate bankrounts, who willingly break with other mens goodes: for in such a case the matter is plaine felony, and the offender suffereth paines of death for þ same. L. ¶ charitable people, I reioice to heare of their true-ly faith. P. Madam, many other god-ly thinges I saw, the which for tedi-ousnesse sake, I now let passe.

After ten dayes that I abode there, I tooke my waye towarde Quiloa, which standeth ffeue & twenty dayes iorney from thence, and is a Cittie of great traſique of Spicerie, cloath of Golde and precious ſtones: it stan-deth ſituated vpon a hyll, and a farre of the walles ſeemeth of beaten gold: for with þ reverberation of the Sun, the ſtones of the walles being re-plendent, geueth forth a maruelous goodly

goodly shewe . And at the foote of  
the hyll, passeth a goodly Riuere, de-  
ked with many pleasant Orchardes,  
Gardyns , and other recreations.  
In this Cittie are but two sortes of  
people, the one Christians, the other  
Gentyles, they lyue all in great qui-  
etnesse.

Nowe as I went wandering vp  
and downe the Towne : I espyed a  
sumptuous house of Stone , with  
fowre fayre Towers : Quoth I, to  
one that stooode by, I pray you, what  
Lordes house is this? Marry quoth  
he , it doth appertayne to the Lord  
of all Lordes , because it is Gods  
house, and is called the house of Mer-  
cie : I dyd not well vnderstande his  
meaning . Therefore I replyed,  
praying him to shew the substance  
of his wordes . The honest Gentle-  
man sayde as followeth . Brother  
Pylgrime, you shall vnderstand, that  
this house was buylt in the tyme of  
the godlye Emperour Constantine,

and the founders thereof, named it  
the house of Mercy.

And at the beginning, the custome  
was: That when any ryght man dy-  
ed, of durytysome thing was gauen to  
the house of Mercie: so that in fewe  
yeeres, the treasure in this house be-  
gan to multiply.

And thē the graue fathers entred  
into consyderation of the bessowing  
of the same. Wheras it was decreeed  
that euery peere at Easter, two hun-  
dred poore Maydes, of honest name  
and fame, should there be reliued in  
this sort.

Once euery moneth, certayne good  
men were appointed to make priuy  
enquiry in euery Warde, of all such  
maydens, and their behauour. And  
then their names were set downe in  
the Records of the sayd house. And  
husbandes accordingly prouided for  
them: yea, such men as were Artis-  
ters, and able by their laboꝝ to main-  
taine an honest woman. And at the  
feast

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feast of Easter, was to be seene al ne-  
cessaries of household, placed round  
about the sayd house of Mercy, for þ  
sayd two hundred young beginners.  
And the householde stuffe of each of  
them dyd amount to the sum of one  
hundred Crowns. L. But is it true  
þaſher Pilgrime, that there are ſuch  
godly people? P. Ye i tulyl Madaine.  
Also at the ſeafte of Mary Magdalen, þ  
Justice gath'reth together, all þ light  
women & common harlots, & bringeth  
them perforce to a ſayre place: where  
as that daye ſome famous man doth  
preache. I my ſelue chaunced to be  
at this ſeafte. And at that iyme, an  
excellent learned man dyd preach the  
conuerſion of Mary Magdalen, decla-  
ring of her wantonnesse, and world-  
ly delyghtes. But quoth he: when  
ſhe had tasted of the ſweete doctrine  
of Christ our maister, her eys were  
then opened, where ſhee ſawc that  
ſylichie puddell of ſinne, that ſhe was  
entered into.

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And then calling for grace , the spirit  
of the Lorde was not denyed her.  
Truely Madame , if you had heard  
this Gospell preached , you woulde  
haue sayd that a hart of stone would  
haue gushed out , with teates and  
sobbes. At the ende of his Sermon  
the Preacher spake with a lowde  
voyce : saying , is there any among  
you , wylling to forsake her sylchie  
sume ; and turne vnto Christ as Ma-  
rie Magdalen dyd ? If there be any  
such holde vp your hand , that I may  
knowe you . So that Madame , at  
that tyme , I sawe fifteene common  
Women conuerted : who were in-  
continent taken out of that compa-  
ny , and by the house of Mercie , they  
were prouided in mariage.

The resydue returned home vnto  
Sodom againe. L. Alas , and would  
not they also repent and conuerte ?  
P. No Madame , their hertes were  
hardened. Hete I abode tendayes ,  
where I was verye friendlye vsed.

And

And from thence I departed , and  
drewe neere the Sea syde , and  
came to a great Iland,called Coben,  
In the which standeth a fayre Citie,  
Well replenished with people : but  
the most of them are Papistes, after  
a certayne manner . I arriuued there  
on a great festiuall daye in the mor-  
ning. And entring into a fayre place,  
where was a great multytlude of  
people , I sawe preparation for a  
solempne Procescion : In this place  
standeth the common Tayle . And  
after I had abode there a whyle , I  
saw the Procescion comming , in the  
myddest whereof, their Sacrament  
was borne vpon mens shoulders.  
Then followed cuerie Occupation,  
who brought eache of them theyr  
Saint vpon mens shoulders lyke-  
wise.

It chaunced the Taylors to carrie  
their Aduocate or patron, who was  
our Lady. And the fishermen vpon  
shoulders also their patron , which

was a **Saynt**, who sometyme had  
beene a Domynicke fr̄yer , called  
**Saint Elmo**. Now the fyshermen  
presuming to bee of greatest prehe-  
mifcence , because they fyſt founde  
and discovered that Ilande : Came  
iuftling in among the Tayloz , to  
haue **Saint Elmo** goe next the Sa-  
crament , who was a **Saint** clothed  
lyke a Domynicke fr̄yar, and carried  
a Shyp in his hande.

The broule began so hotte, that on  
a sodaine, fiue hundred swords were  
drawne , and I am sure aboue fortie  
broken pates . Now the Tayloz  
whyleſt the fyſhermen were fygh-  
ting , caught **Saint Elmo** & his En-  
ſigne, and carried him to the prison,  
crying out to the Taylorz: saying , o-  
pen, open the doore , let him in , let  
him in. Whyp, quoth the Taylorz, do ye  
bring a **Saint** prisoner ? A **Saint**,  
quoth they , yea, and well worthy:  
for twentie yeeres agoe , wee had  
such a broule about hym . And now

he

he goeth about to put our Lady  
from her place.

I promise you Madame, I never  
saw the lyke Tragedy. But I assure  
you, the Gouvernour and Justice  
had much adoe to pacifie the broyle,  
whylest the Priestes carryed the  
Sacrament home alone, without a-  
ny of the Saints. And well I wot, þ  
the Surgeons got money. L. Now  
by my troth, it was both a merrie,  
and a tymme Procession. P. Yea,  
Madam, if you had seene it as I did,  
you would haue sayd so. But howe  
the matter was decided afterward,  
I knowe not: for I returned to the  
mayne againe, and tooke my way  
towarde the prouince of Benalcasar,  
which is a goodly Countrey. In the  
which standeth a towne of þ same  
name: where I was friendly enter-  
tayned in the house of one Ioseph, a  
good Christian. And whylest I abode  
there, mine Host tooke me with him,  
to see þ Court of Death represented.

C. iii. The

The which truly was a straynege  
sight to me. L. The Court of Death  
man, I praye you what thing was  
that? P. Forsooth Madam, I was  
brought into a fayre Hall, and there  
placed with my Host Ioseph.

There I sawe prepared an Impes-  
tiall seate , into the which entered  
Death, who truly was an ouglie  
syght to beholde, for I could discerne  
nothing but bare bones : And tho-  
towe his eye holes , was entered a  
fowle Snake with Woormes and  
Toades cleauing to his bones. And  
when he was placed in his seate, Di-  
uers of his Court sate about him, on  
each syde , to heare the Suters re-  
quest.

The first was a poore blinde wo-  
man, who kneeling on her knee: said,  
O mightie Prince , accept me poore  
wretche, into thy noble house . For  
in thy Wallace, is rest and quietnesse,  
and I being from my sight deprivued,  
do now lyue in the terrenall worlde,

in darknesse . But if it woulde please  
thee to entertayne me : then shoulde  
I be sure of perfect syght againe . D.  
Good woman, thy good wyl I must  
needes accept . But patience must  
be thy comfort for a whyle : and re-  
member I pray thee, howe the Pro-  
phet Dauid teacheth thee, howe that  
mans lyfe is but a span long: Ther-  
fore depart cyll I send for thee.

Then entered another shakynge  
with the Palsey, and leaning vpon  
two croches: saying, O Prince of  
peace, receyue me unworthy, into thy  
glorious seruice , for I am weary of  
earthly estate. D. Thy place is ap-  
pointed, therfore depart.

Then entered a number of sundry  
diseased persons togeather, among  
whome were some prisoners laden  
with yrons, and were condempned  
to perpetuall imprisonment . Also  
Gally slaues , and others that had  
lost their goodes, wiuues, Chyldren,  
and remayned almost naked: sure a  
most

most lamentable syght to behold! But Death being a wylle and pollys  
ticle Prince , gaue vnto euerie one  
a sufficient aunswere.

Then entred a ryche young man,  
who was newly married to a faire  
wyfe , and he brought a bagge of  
Golde , desyring Death to graunt  
him a lease for fyue hundred yeres.  
Why , quoth Death , at the ende of  
those fyue hundred yeres , wylt not  
thou demauide a newe lease? Mar-  
ty syr, perchappe I wyl , aunswered  
the young man . Nay , quoth Death ,  
I knowe the nature , and despise of  
mortall menne , and therefore thy  
lease cannot be graunted : and as for  
thy money which thou hast brought  
to buye a lease , see that thou em-  
ploye it well: for I meane to visyte  
thee sooner then thou thinkest . Alas , quoth the young man , what  
wyll my faire and swete wyfe saye  
to this sorowfull aunswere ? And  
with a sodaine feare , hee departed ,  
thinking

thinking with him selfe , that all his  
bones were out of toynt.

Then came in other two suters,  
the one of the Clergie , the other,  
the Ruler of a Cittie : who were  
newly entered into their ryght Of-  
fices : Yea, and had the worlde at  
wyll . they had costly houses , and  
wallowed in money : these men , I  
saye, woulde haue had enlargement  
of lyfe . Unto whome Death woudl  
graunt none : but rather gaue them  
friendly counsell , to looke well vnto  
their Saylywckes : so: your dayes  
are not long , quoth he . And with  
this aunswere , they departed with  
heauy hartes .

Alas , howe bytter a thing it is for  
worldly men , to depart from theyr  
vaine prodigall cheere and ease : but  
the blessed sort prayeth with Saint  
Paulc , to be dissoluued , and to enjoy e-  
uerlasting felycitie .

Then entred sixe faire children , clo-  
thed in white vestures , with garlads  
of

of Lawrell on their heads , wherby  
sounde of Instrument, song certayne  
verses in prayse of Death.

The effect was, how Death would  
take no bybes, nor yet rewards: for  
if eyther of them would tempt him,  
all the Treasure of the world should  
be his : And with this sweete Mu-  
sicke the Tragedy ended. L. O fa-  
ther Pylgrime, what a godly & ver-  
tuous syght was this:

The Pylgrime had no sooner en-  
ded his tale : when the Taylores en-  
tered, and brought for him a fayre  
furred gowne . And also his com-  
ming was to take measure for other  
garments of syne cloath to be made.  
But when the Pylgrime sawe this  
furniture, he sayde as followeth.

P. O vertuous and gracious Ma-  
dame: this attyre is not for me . Al-  
las good Madame, I haue yet farre  
to goe , and such costly garments are  
not to lye in, on Shypboorde : also  
when by lande I trauell , the bare  
grounde

ground is the bedde that I must lye  
on.

Therefore if it please you for Chas-  
tities sake , to bestowe some cloath  
onely to keepe my carkase warme, I  
wyll craue no more : yea, and therin  
you shall doo me great pleasure, then  
to cloathe mee in rytche Purple.

L . Why louyng Father , I had  
thought you woulde haue rested  
here , and assure your selfe , that du-  
ring lyfe , a stypende is prepared for  
you. P. The eternall God reward  
you . But good Madame , I haue  
made a bowe , if God permytte , to  
trauayle into Ethyopia , and to leaue  
my Corpes at my returne in Aden,  
or in Coryzo.

The good Lady hearing his de-  
termynation , with griefe of harte  
could scarcely speake any more . But  
yet notwithstanding , she cherished  
him for the space of three Monthes,  
butyll he was lusty and wel againe.

And

And then the vertuous Lady furnis-  
hed him with the apparel which he  
desyred: and gaue him store of money  
in his purse . But the sorowfull  
mouing that the poore olde Pil-  
grime made at his departure, would  
haue made any harte to haue re-  
lented: and Iwys the teares  
as fast trickled downe the  
good Ladys fayre  
cheekes.

(. . .)

FINIS. T. N.



